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1. PEOPLE'S DAILY DECEMBER 5 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE APPEARS TO INDICATE A RANKING OF SOME POLITBURO OFFICIALS WHICH DEVIATES FROM THE USUAL STROKE ORDER LISTING OR RANKING BY NON-PARTY JOB WHICH PEKING HAS USED SINCE THE ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS. IN THE CENTRAL POSITION IS VICE CHAIRMAN LI HSIEN-NIEN. IN THE RANKING POSITIONS FOLLOWING LI ARE POLITBURO MEMBERS YU CHIU-LI, FANG YI, HSU HSIANG-CHIEN, CHEN HSI-LIEN, CHEN MU-HUA, AND VICE PREMIERS WANG CHEN AND KU MU.

2. THE NCNA ARTICLE WHICH ACCOMPANIES THE PHOTO APPEARS TO CARRY THE OFFICIALS ACCORDING TO THEIR NON-PARTY RANKS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THUS LISTS THE GROUP AFTER LI AS POLITBURO MEMBERS/VICE PREMIERS YU CHIU-LI AND CHEN HSI-LIEN, POLITBURO MEMBER/NPC VICE CHAIRMAN HSU HSIANG-CHIEN, POLITBURO MEMBER FANG YI, POLITBURO ALTERNATE CHEN MU-HUA, AND VICE PREMIERS WANG CHEN AND KU MU. ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD STROKE ORDER LIST, THE RANKING SHOULD HAVE BEEN FANG YI, YU CHIU-LI, CHEN HSI-LIEN, AND FINALLY HSU HSIANG-CHIEN.

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